(b) and (c) This Ministry has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 109.56 lakhs for construction of one hostel each at Babu Jagjivanram Pratisthan (Govt. Girls Hostel), Junagarh and Babu Jagjivanram Pratisthan (Govt. Girls Hostel) at Mehsana during 2006-07. Other proposals from Govt. of Gujarat were found to be incomplete.

Pending developmental projects

1468. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is contemplating any measures for expeditious clearance of pending developmental projects referred to his Ministry of approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has received request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for clearance of Indira Sagar Project (Polavaram Project);

(d) if so, by when the project would be accorded with necessary clearance; and

(e) the rationale behind the delay, if any?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) Ministry of Tribal Affairs is concerned with clearance of "Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) Plans for Scheduled Tribe Project Affected Families (ST RAFs)" of the irrigation projects displacing people. The Ministry has set norms for the purpose of examination of such R&R Plans. Forgetting clearance, the concerned State Government/project authority is required to submit complete information in accordance with provisions of National Policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation (NPRR) 2003 and also where the displacement relates to Scheduled Areas, the details of prior consultations with affected gram sabhas according to the provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996. As soon as the complete information is received, the proposals are processed by the Ministry for clearance.

(c) to (e) The Ministry has received a proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for clearance of R&R Plan for ST PAFs in respect of India Sagar Project (Polavaram Project). The project involves inter-state issues with the State of Orissa and Chhattisgarh, and displacement of about one lakh tribals from their homelands in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Chhattisgarh. It therefore requires careful examination on merits. Further, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh is required to submit information through the Central Water Commission on technical aspects related to submergence of lands, especially in the States of Orissa and Chhattisgarh. Details of resolutions of gram sabhas specially of the villages coming under submergence in Orissa and Chhattisgarh are also required. As the information received is incomplete, grant of clearance to the R&R Plan for ST PAFs has not been considered.

Tribal population in Jharkhand

1469. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that tribal population in Jharkhand is decreasing by 0.5 per cent per annum;

(b) what are the reasons for the same; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to rectify this situation?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (*a)* As per the Census figures, the total Scheduled Tribe (ST) population of Jharkhand State has increased from 6,044,010 in 1991 Census to 7,087,068 in 2001 Census. During the decade 1991-2001, the population of STs in the State has registered a 17.3 per cent growth.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Land for ousted tribals under Polavaram Dam in A. P.

1470. SHRI. S. M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report in print media that the new rehabilitation law will ensure that oustees will get to buy land;